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FM AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3197

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FOR IATF JULIA TAFT, JERE BROH-KAHN AND VISA OFFICE JULIO
AIRAS FROM MCMANAWAY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF VS SN

SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD SS DEFENDER

REF: SINGAPORE 3161

1. THE REFERENCED TELEGRAM IS A REPEAT OF SINGAPORE 2228 WHICH TRANSMITTED ON MAY 26 THE NAMES OF 69 REFUGEES PICKED UP BY THE US VESSEL DEFENDER. THE CABLE WENT ASTRAY IN THE VISA FALCON CLEARANCE SYSTEM AND WE ASKED SINGAPORE ON JULY 19 TO RESUBMIT THE NAMES WHICH THEY DID ON JULY 23.
2. THIS CASE HAS TAKEN MUCH TOO LONG THROUGH NO ONE'S PARTICULAR FAULT. IT IS POSING A PARTICULAR PROBLEM FOR THE EMBASSY SINCE IT MADE AN EARLY COMMITMENT, UPON IATF AUTHORIZATION, TO THE GOS, IN ORDER TO GET THE PEOPLE OFF THE VESSEL.
3. REQUEST THESE CLEARANCES BE OBTAINED AND TRANSMITTED TO EMBASSY SINGAPORE WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.

ALSO REQUEST A SPECIAL EFFORT BE MADE TO COMPLETE ALL OUTSTANDING CASES FROM SINGAPORE (2341, 3178, 2699-MAI VAN THUONG) WITHIN THE NEXT WORKING WEEK. GENERAL STATUS REPORT SEPTTEL. ICEM FLIGHT FOR 8 AUGUST CARRYING REFUGEES OUT OF MALAYSIA WILL
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ALSO PICK UP REFUGEES HERE. CURRENTLY THAT WILL BE ONLY 42

PEOPLE LEAVING AVAILABLE SEATS ON THE AIRCRAFT. IF THESE
CLEARANCES RECEIVED IN TIME, THEY WILL ALSO MAKE THIS FLIGHT.
GIVEN LONG OVERDUE STATUS THIS PARTICULAR GROUP REQUEST SPECIAL
EFFORT BE MADE.

4. IT IS APPARENT THAT FOR SOME REASON GENERAL CLEARANCES
SITUATION HERE WORSE THAN ELSEWHERE WITH MUCH SLOWER THAN
NORMAL RESPONSE TIME FROM WASHINGTON.
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